Issues At Stake.

willingness that she shall have it.

These expressions, of course, are for

ing quie likely to prove a long and dif-ficult one.

Italy has a great stake in the new

Italy; it might in some not distant fu-ture prove a case of escaping the fry-ing pan only to tumble into the fire.

Preserving the Balance.

England likewise must always view

dia, her domination of the Sucz Canal.

rayed against France and Russia con-corning the final disposal of Constanti-nople; with their own interests far from paralleling, but with both feeling the necessity of safeguarding the future in every possible way.

Consideration of these delicate balances has impressed usery Washington.

ances has impressed many Washington authorities with the idea that the United States, if ever enlisted in the war, might

he asked to participate in the Darda-nelles campaign. There, our naval force would be of the greatest effective use-fulness. Our vessels are of the sort that

would serve a magnificent purpose in such a campaign. We have the battle-ships and the big guns for such work:

England has the fast cruisers needed for convoying merchant ships on the high seas. The two forces would co-operate well, in the opinion of naval

Place For American Navv.

One incident to American participa

tion in the war, it is explained, would

unquestionably be the organization of

a North Atlantic patrol system that

confession." has been halled by American naval authorities as testi-mony that there is really a place for

the American navy to fill, and in which

it would be extremely useful, if this country should become involved in the

war. Whether the United States could pro-

vide any important military forces to aid the allied cause is generally doubt-

It is urged that if this country set about to build a great army, it would cut down the measure of munitions and

arms that we are now able to send to

evident that even people who want this country to maintain a nolley that might lead it into the war, do not generally believe that it would be necessary or desirable to seed an event

Rther, they opine that our greatest service would be economic, financial.

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naval, and sentimental.

ne allies, while the American army ould not be ready for use for many

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ed here.

the present mere amenities.

would be a polite, but firm refusal to cease submarine warfare against belligerent merchant ships.

"It was pointed out that the embassy itself so far was ignorant of the terms of the American note; that it had received no instructions whatever from the German government regarding the note and, finally, it was declared that no official connected with the embassy had expressed any opinion on the sub-

"Beyond this, the ambassador reduced to go, saying, "The matter is now between the two governments."

PLEASED WITH TONE OF NOTE.

But from sources close to the embassy it is possible to gather definite assurances that the representatives of the German government in Washington and pleased with the tone said to be taken by the American note. If, as reported, the note contains references to alleged impropriety in putting the warning to Americans in the form of newspaper advertisements, the embassy is likely to take exception, pointing out that Secretary Bryan himself first made the warning public in giving out the German statement of February 14. The action of the embassy in inserting the advertisements resulted, it will be claimed, only from a desire to make sure of wide publicity, and from an unwillingness to "accept the responsibility" of not having warned passengers.

In connection with these advertisements, it is insisted by the embassy that the order given newspapers not to make the third publication, as originally provided for, is due only to the fact that further warning is unnecessary. There would be no possible benefit from another insertion of the "ads," it is said. While the original order from Berlin was for the widest publicity of the warning concerning danger to ships entering the "war zone," the manner of obtaining that publicity was left to the embassy here.

DENIES KILLING WAS INTENDED.

This same German, who talks authoritatively, declares that the German expressions of regret are more than mere formality.

"It never was intended or desired that a life should be lost," he said. "None would have been lost had the Lusitania not carried a cargo of explosives. The hole torn by the torpedo was insignificant as compared to the hole torn in the Titanic by the iceberg, and it took more than two hours for the Titanic to sink. If the Lusitania had floated any time at all, every passenger could have been rescued. But the torpedo evidently caused the detonation of the vessel's explosive cargo, and all those lives were lost."

He added that the very fact that only one torpedo was sent into the vessel was proof that no such disaster as resulted was actually intended.

WILL BE PRESENTED TOMORROW.

"during the day," and that it would be given out tonight for publication. Friday morning. He said it lose no time in delivering it at the fordoubtless would be presented in Berlin Friday morning early.

It devolved on the State Department mean peace or war is in the making.

this morning, after the completion of the note, to put it into code. How long this required was not given out by Secretary Bryan. The Secretary said it contained close to 1,500 words.

The Secretary had no comment to make on the international situation. He was asked concerning the messages which are reaching the President. He said that while they differed as to the advice given, they coincided in expressing the idea of standing by the President in the present crisis.

it was intimated at the White House it would go by wireless via Sayville. Likely it will be sent both ways to avoid errors in transmission. President Wilson is prepared to call an extra session of Congress if the needs of the international situation seem

to require it.

This information is not given out officially, but there is reason to believe it is correct. The White House is not encouraging extra session talk and is making no announcement of its purpose in this respect because for the President to say he was thinking of an extra session would seem to imply that he did not expect Germany to give a satis-factory reply to American demands. It might tend to give offense to the Berlin

It was said that if Berlin refuses to It was said that if Berlin refuses to comply and her refusal is of such a na-ture that this country cannot in self-respect continue further exchanges in a diplomatic way, then, with the sever-ing of diplomatic relations, there will come a call for an extra session.

Pressure Would Be Great.

It is the general impression here that should diplomatic relations be severed. the pressure on the Administration for an extra session to authorize approprintions to prepare for war and to enact legislation to bring the army and navy to a state of readiness for opera-tions will be great, and that the Presi-dent will not sturd in the way when he believes the time is ripe.

He will not be liurred on the one hand, but he will act promptly when he feels the hour is struck when this na-tion must get read: for resert to arms. Officials here who have sensed public opinion believe that much as the American people resent the attack on the Lusitania, they are not yet outspoken for war, and are willing to be a se-president's lead in hoping that tier-many will not repeat the offense. If

THE WEATHER REPORT.

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Secretary Bryan announced this morning that the note to Germany would be ing for what the American people may sent "during the day." and that it demand.

Turning To Kaiser.

instantly to President Wilson when the Lusitania plunged to the bottom, so now the whole world is turning to Kaiser Wilhelm for his reply.

If Germany's ruler leaves the decis ion to his foreign office it is feared that the worst may happen. If he personally takes hold of the question as he did in the case of the negotiations with Italy, there is some hope that the head of the Honhenzollerens may see his opportunity to remove from Carlon. see his opportunity to remove from Ger Goes Via Italy.

Secretary Bryan said the note would be cabled to Berlin via Italy, but later proval.

proval.

Tired out by his ceaseless work on the communication, President Wilson, as soon as he had returned the note to the State Department this morning, went for a long motor ride. It is on these rides that the President generally maps out a course of action. His decision as to what to send to Germany was reached during a long ride through was reached during a long ride through the Virginia hills.

Few officials or members of Congress

are volunteering suggestions.
"I believe," said Congressman Adamson of Georgia, at the White House today, "that the Lord raised up Woodrow Wilson to meet this situation. We must follow Wilson's lead."

Washington Is Calm.

Although Washington is deeply anxl ious, there is, under the circumstances, an amazing amount of calm. Determination is apparent, rather than excitement.

utterly impossible to read the future in this instance, that until events prove otherwise there is ground for some hope that trouble with Germany may doubtful

Probably there is just one man in Europe who can settle the issue which looms up between the United States and Germany. That man is Kaiser Wilhelm himself. He has it in his withchin himself. He has it in his power, by giving the assurances this country deniands, not only to prevent an open rupture, but, as not a lew men here who have been inclined to be friendly to Germany in the present war believe, to do much to restore his country to the good are to country to the good graces of American public feeling.

lieve the German government intends to meet American demunds. In the Berlin reply, according to one authority, Germany will advise

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Powers May Appoint WAR IN 48 HOURS United States Trustee to Hold Constantinople Austria's Last Proposal For

By JUDSON C. WELLIVER.

The part which the United States would almost certainly demand most could and would play in an European war is discussed in Washington pretty extensively these days. There are not wanting people who believe this country would, by entering the war on the side of the anti-Germanic federation, actually weaken that side. This same opinion has been strongly presented in England and in the British press.

On the other hand there are those who believe this country could and would be a useful accession to that would be a useful accession to that side, if aligned with it.

One of the most interesting views developed by this discussion was stated today by a man whose intimacy with foreign relations entitles him to serious consideration. It is an entirely unofficial expression, and deals with the possibility that It is an entirely unofficial expression, and deals with the possibility that the United States would, in fact, play a very important part, diplomatically, in a war and in the subsequent nego-

tiations and rearrangements. Trustee for Constantinople.

In this analysis, which represents dispositions in the Balkan peninsula, She is concerned to control the Adriatic, and Russia at Constantinople would be regarded at Rome as a menace to that ambition. To help drive away Austria, only to acquire close neighborship to Russia, would not be particularly a desirable exchange for views not remote from the general staff of the army, it is suggested that the United States might become the trustee for Constantinople, be placed in charge of the government and management of the city, established as an international policing authority, and by common consent among the powers be designated to hold the city pending a final determination of its fate and future. Such a part could be played by the United States, it is suggested, more ap-propriately than by any nation now in-volved in the hostilities.

believed by military and naval men. They say that Great Britain would suffer such a loss of prestige among the Mohammedan and other Asiatic and African peoples, if this Dardanelles campaign should fall, that her whole future as an imperial figure would be menaced. She must conquer the Turk or risk the great danger that some time in the future the Turk will become the instrument responsible for a disintegration of the British dominions. Therefore, the utmost effort will be put forth by the British government.

French, British, and Russians are co-perfailing in the future the Turk with december the sum of the s That the allies will at length take the French, British, and Russians are co-operating in the campaign against Con-stantinople. It is perfectly possible that before it is taken there may be Italian

and Greek troops and warships in the allied forces. Divergencies of Interest.

Among all these there are such divergence of interests and sentiment concerning the ultimate disposition of the city, that the embarrassments of possession might easily prove quite as serious as the difficulties on its con-

One power, however, is in position to take over the control of the city as trustee for the interests of the world. That power is the United States. There are, moreover, many specific reasons why American control would be appropriate. This country has very considerable commercial interests, and considerable commercial interests, and yet greater philanthropic interests to Turkey. Schools, colleges, hospitals, eleamosenary establishments of all kinds, and a wide extent of mission-ary efforts, stand for the concern that America feels and must continue to feel regarding the ultimate disposition of the city by the Golden Horn, and the slice of European territory that has for several continue between the formula of the slice of European territory that has for several continue between the formula of the slice of European territory that has the slice of E for several centuries been the Turks. It was declared by the first lord of basis of claim to place among the real powers.

It was declared by the first lord of the British admiralty that he could not, from available naval resources, as-

Occidental people and interests in Sign warships to the regular patrot Turkish lands have been sufferers by duty that has been demanded since the reason of the war. The frenzy that would overtake the Mohammedan populations if Constantinople would fall confession." has been halled by clations if Constantinople would fall

he United States to keep American itizens on vessels containing muni-lons of war, and will not yield any ssurences as to treatment of combatants on enemy merchant ships.

The information here is that Germany of late has greatly augmented and is constantly augmenting her sea-going submarine Geet and that she intends to put it to the utmost use possible

ise possible.

The American note is not an ulti-natum, and it may be followed by a nore or less prolonged diplomatic ex-mange. But the feeling here is that if Germany turns down the Washington demands flatly, this nation may soon he force I to break off diplomatic relations.

Might Ask Extra Session.

Then, it is predicted, the country would demand an extra session of Congress, the pressure for naval and milltary preparations could hardly be withstood, and, particularly if more American lives are slaughtered by German submarines, the war spirit in Congress could hardly be held back.

Already, there is widespread speculation here as to what this country would do should a state of war be declared. Opinion is widely divided as to what it could do most effectively. That the The feeling here today is that it is German ships in American waters itterly impossible to read the future would be seized as a first step is obvious.

nerwise there is ground for some pe that trouble with Germany may avoided, but that it is extremely ubtful whether a clash can be crted. Probably there is just one man in prope who can settle the issue which crux of the situation

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Peace Definitely Rejected, Italy Is Close to Action.

would almost certainly demand most rigorous measures. A situation would be presented, in short, closely parallel to that which marked the Boxer re-bellion in China. The United States sent vessels and troops to participate ROME, May 13.-Italy today was ery close to a declaration of war. in the rescue of the legations at Pe-king. It has a like justification for acute concern in behalf of Constanti-What was heralded as Austria's final proposal in the interests of peace has been definitely rejected. In official circles it was said the government will not keep the world long in suspense-Russia has firm conviction that she that an important announcement may had earned Constantinople, and the be made within forty-eight hours. Baron Sonnino today was closeted British cabinet has strongly intimated

in an informal meeting with several members of the cabinet. It was stated positively, however, that the Austrian believed among diplomats that anything like terms have been agreed upon among the allied, dealing with the division of the Turkish raiment. The internationalization of Constantinople has been repeatedly suggested, and this plan is looked upon as one that, in the event of a victory for the allies, would be pretty certain to be adopted ad interim; the interim being quie likely to prove a long and difproposals were not up for reconsideration. Following the formal session of the cabinet yesterday, Sonnino announced that the concessions offered by Austria had proved unacceptable to the cabinet, and hinted that Italy was about to end negotiations by a drastic

What will be contained in the announcement which it was reported was about to be made by the government was a secret today. In some quarters it was said the cabinet would give to the public a statement justifying its course in the negotiations with Aus-

The intended effect of this would be to crystallize public sentiment in support of the government's position beexpected formally to be made known. From authoritative sources it was learned that Austria, in her last pro-posal to Italy, offered these conceswith intense concern her route to In-France is a Mediterranean power, and sions:

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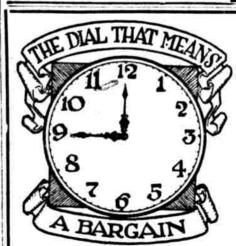
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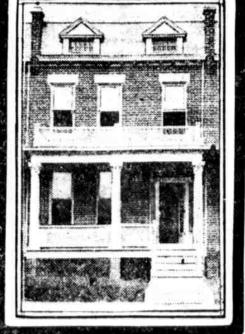
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